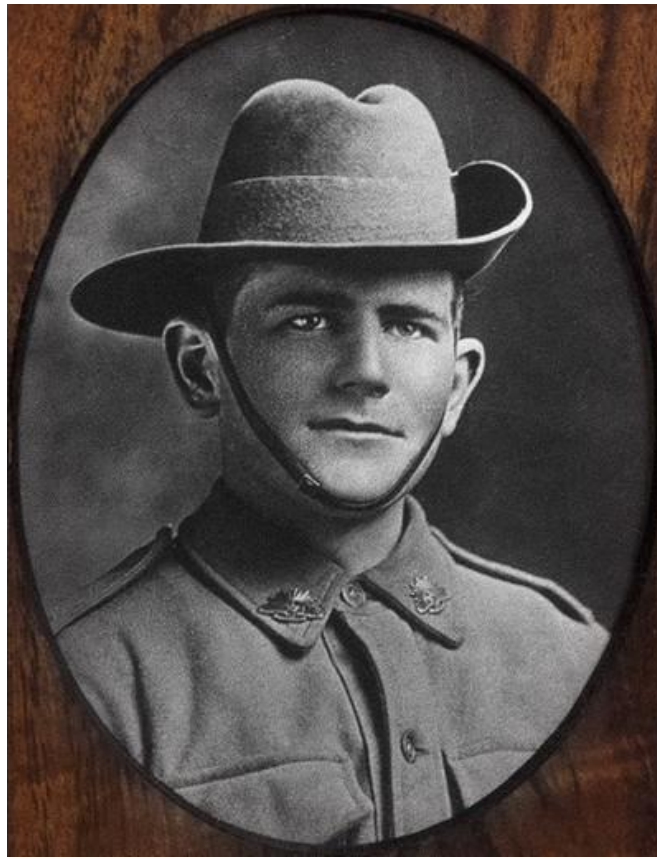


Joseph Lachlan Hood



Private (Pte) 3355 Joseph Lachlan Hood enlisted in the 24th Infantry Battalion at Broadmeadows on 4 August 1915. He embarked overseas on 26 November and disembarked in Egypt in late December, where he joined the 6th (Brigade) Training Battalion at Zeitoun.

On 24 February, he was transferred and taken on strength of the 8th Infantry Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Australian Division at Serapeum.

The 8th Battalion left Egypt on 26 March and disembarked at Marseilles on 31 March, then entrained for the north. On 11 May they moved into the front line at Fleurbaix for the first time. When relieved on 29 May they left the line having sustained 17 casualties (six killed).

They then moved into Belgium and held the line near Messines between 24 June – 4 July, for the loss of another 85 men, including 19 killed.

The battalion headed south to the Somme on 10 July and entered the support trenches at Pozieres in the early hours of 23 July 1916, and the village itself later the same night, where they were subjected to a continuous artillery barrage for four days and sustained 363 casualties, including 81 killed and 16 missing.

On 18 August 1916, the 8th Battalion was ordered to attack the trenches on the flanks of the German stronghold of Mouquet Farm. The assault failed, at a cost to the battalion of 211 casualties, including 57 killed or missing, one of whom was Pte Hood who was killed in action during the attack.

His body was not recovered at the time of his death, and he has no known grave.

Private 3355 Joseph Lachlan Hood is remembered on the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Name: Hood, Joseph Lachlan	
Service Number	3355
Date enlisted	4 August 1915
Place enlisted	Broadmeadows, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	24 th Infantry Battalion
Previous military service	70 th Infantry Battalion, CMF
Date and ship embarked for overseas	26 November 1915 HMAT A73 <i>Commonwealth</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	19 years 5 months
Place of birth	Warracknabeal, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Labourer
Religion	Presbyterian
Next of kin and address	Hood, Mr James, father, 9 Princes Street, North Williamstown, Victoria
Permanent address	North Williamstown, Victoria
Appearance	Fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, height – 5 feet 9 ½ inches, weight – 11 stone, 3 lbs, chest measurement – 35 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	8 th Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	Egypt, France, Belgium
Fate	Killed in action
Date and place died	18 August 1916 Mouquet Farm, France
Cemetery details	No known grave. Commemorated on the Australian National Memorial, Villers- Bretonneux, France
Honours/medals	British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Brother of Dugald Hood. Remembered on the St Leonards Honor Roll, St Paul's Anglican Church Honor Roll, Portarlinton Honor Roll, Marcus & Mannerim Roll of Honor, Mannerim State School & District Roll of Honor and Town of Williamstown Roll of Honor.